AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 31 (cancelled)

32. (new) A method for navigating from a source report to a target report in a business intelligence application, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a parameter for an item, the parameter defining an input or an output to a drill-through source or a drill-through target;

establishing a parameter mapping between the parameter and the item, the parameter mapping mapping context elements from the drill-through source to the item;

defining a drill-through path from the drill-through source to the drill-through target, the drill-through path including the parameter mapping; and

applying the context of the drill-through source to the drill-through target.

33. (new) The method according to claim 32, wherein the parameter mapping includes a mapping function.

34. (new) The method according to claim 33, wherein the mapping function is selected from a group consisting of: translating data during drill-through operation, converting data during drill-through operation, and selecting a conversion using the parameter.

35. (new) The method according to claim 32, wherein the item represents a member selected from a group consisting of: a report column, a second parameter, a drill-through source, and a drill-through target.

36. (new) The method according to claim 32, further comprising the steps of:

accepting a request from a user; and

translating the request into the drill-through path.

37. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein the translating step includes the steps of:

creating a list of parameters from the drill-through source and the drill-through target;

for each source parameter originating from the drill-through source, determining a collectable parameter mapping that maps the parameter to the drill-through target;

collecting the collectable parameter as the drill-through path;

creating respective parameter mapping from the drill-through source to the drill-through target for each potential parameter mapping terminating at the same target parameter.

38. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein the drill-through source is selected from a group consisting of: report, model, and cube.

39. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein the drill-through target is selected from a group consisting of: report, model and cube.

40. (new) The method of claim 32 wherein the drill-through path is defined by a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

41. (new) A system for navigating from a source report to a target report in a business intelligence application, the system comprising:

means for providing a parameter for an item, the parameter defining an input or an output to a drill-through source or a drill-through target;

means for establishing a parameter mapping between the parameter and the item, the parameter mapping mapping context elements from the drill-through source to the item;

means for defining a drill-through path from the drill-through source to the drill-through target, the drill-through path including the parameter mapping; and

means for applying the context of the drill-through source to the drill-through target.

42. (new) The system of claim 41, wherein the parameter mapping includes a mapping function.

43. (new) The system of claim 41, wherein the mapping function is selected from a group consisting of: translating data during drill-through operation, converting data during drill-through operation, and selecting a conversion using the parameter.

44. (new) The system of claim 41, wherein the item represents a member selected from a group consisting of: a report column, a second parameter, a drill-through source, and a drill-through target.

45. (new) A storage medium readable by a computer encoding a computer program for execution by the computer to carry out a method for navigating from a source report to a target report in a business intelligence application, the computer program comprising:

code means for providing a parameter for an item, the parameter defining an input or an output to a drill-through source or a drill-through target;

code means for establishing a parameter mapping between the parameter and the item, the parameter mapping mapping context elements from the drill-through source to the item;

code means for defining a drill-through path from the drill-through source to the drill-through target, the drill-through path including the parameter mapping; and

code means for applying the context of the drill-through source to the drill-through target.

46. (new) The storage medium of claim 45, wherein the parameter mapping includes a mapping function.

47. (new) The storage medium of claim 45, wherein the mapping function is selected from a group consisting of: translating data during drill-through operation, converting data during drill-through operation, and selecting a conversion using the parameter.

48. (new) The storage medium of claim 45, wherein the item represents a member selected from a group consisting of: a report column, a second parameter, a drill-through source and a drill-through target.